

Remarks

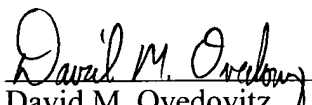
Claims 1-6 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 9 and 10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,745,393.

Without acquiescing to the obviousness-type double patenting rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer linking the present application to U.S. Patent No. 6,745,393 is submitted herewith. As a result, the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is no longer applicable.

In view of the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer and the above remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

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